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WASHTENAW COUNTY RURAL SCHOOLS HISTORY SERIES
BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS

(Part Four) (*Continued from Capers v.49, No. 1, p3-7***)**

Compiled and Transcribed by Cyndy Steward and Marcia McCrary, additional Transcriber: Autumn Grim

After an additional trip to view records found in the Michigan Historical Collections, the Washtenaw Intermediate School District records, 1834-1966, Box 1, records, Bentley Historical Library, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, we located more information. We learned that the following schools in **Lyndon** Township (covered in 48, No. 1 and 48, No. 2) consolidated in 1947 with Chelsea Village to form Chelsea Agricultural School: Pumpkin College #4, Collins Plains #5, Lyndon Center #11, McIntee #12 fractional and Howe #14 fractional. We discovered a booklet containing the 1956 Closing Ceremonies for Lancaster School #6 and the 1941 school histories for Dewey, Lancaster, and Short schools in **Bridgewater** Township. Please refer back to the directors listed, and locations for these schools in v. 48, No. 3.

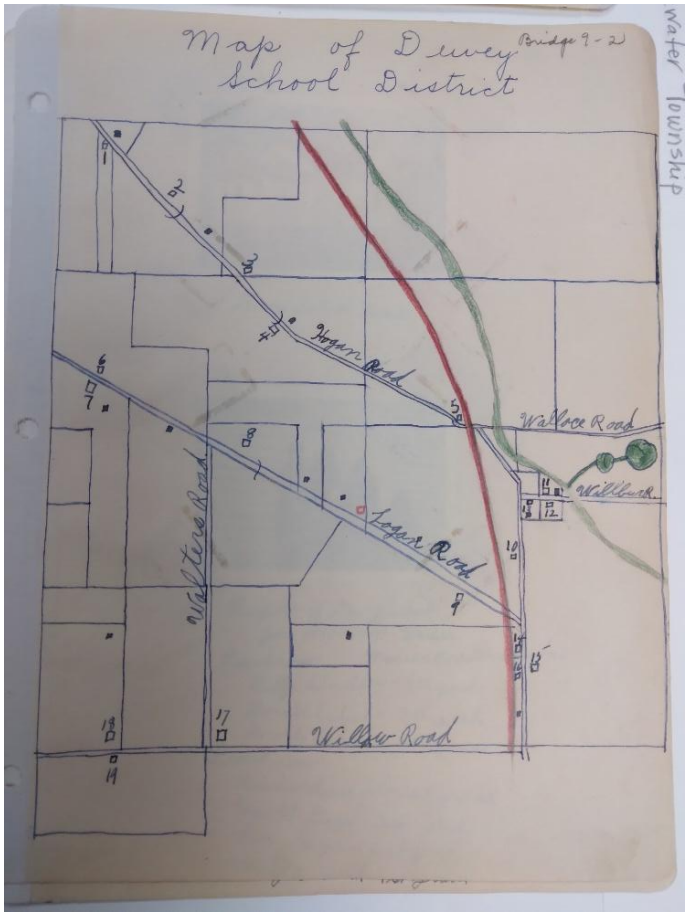
Dewey School District #9 The following pictures and information are from the 1941 History of Dewey School.

This School building was built in 1880 by E. Logan and Hiram Nortin [*sic*].

Dewey School was located on the Logan Road, 3½ miles northwest of Clinton, and 4½ miles south of Manchester, in Section 20 of Bridgewater Township. Before 1850, the children of the district attended Dillingham School, and Bridgewater Center School. The first school building on this property was built in 1850 and was named after Martin Dewey, an early settler who owned the land occupied by Herman Meyer in 1941.

The school house had yellow and green curtains. The students mentioned that there was once a New York Central railroad stop called River Raisin near Herman Weidman's farm. For a while you could flag the train to get on it. Later, you could only get off the train. By 1941, the station had been taken away.

Dewey School District #9 1941 Map



Key to 1941 Dewey Map

1. Donold MACKINTOSH
2. Wm. N. MARTIN
3. Carl KROUSES *[sic]*
4. S. F. BREITENWISHER *[sic]*
5. H. E. WIEDMAN
6. Ed. LOGAN
7. *Erving COY
8. *Clarence GAGE
9. Sam ANGLEMYRE
10. Merle MINOR
11. Harry SHADLEY
12. Walter BUDNIK
13. Wm. TIRB
14. Claude GAGE
15. W. J. HOGAN
16. *Lee ACKLEY
17. *Lester SCHIEL
18. John RUELE
19. Winifred BENZLER

• = Renters
[] = School House
Black Boxes = Had Been Houses
White Boxes = Numbered Homes

Pupils of Dewey School District #9 in 1940-41

Back Row: Billy SHADLEY (8th grade); Donald SCHIEL (7th grade); Dorothy SCHIEL (6th grade)
Front Row: Richard SCHIEL (1st grade); Harold GAGE (3rd grade); Leon GAGE (2nd grade), Nancy BUDNIK (1st grade) **Teacher**: Marion BREITENWISCHER [not pictured]

Some early teachers were Lucy L. BARTLETT, Emily A. POTTS, Mary BRUCK, and Mary McFARLAND.

Lancaster School District #6

The 1941 Lancaster History states the district covers Sections 23, 24, 25, 26, 35 and 36. The school was named Lancaster because it is on the farm of Dennis Lancaster, owned in 1941 by Mr. And Mrs. McCollum. More land was purchased in 1916 from Mrs. Sophronia Rogers. The original school was built between 1832 and 1866, across the road from Burt Anglemyre.

They had a small hand bell instead of the large bell seen in the picture. The school switched from wood to coal heat in 1871. Early enrollment was 35-40 pupils. The teachers' wages were $30-$40. *Memories of Lancaster School* mentions it was also called "the little gray school".

In 1956, Lancaster School closed, having been annexed into the Clinton Community School District in Lenawee County. At that time a closing program was prepared and a booklet made commemorating the history of the school. The following excerpts are taken from this booklet.

1955 School Board: Louis Lightfoot, Robert Girbach, and Mrs. John Norcross.
1956 Superintendent of Schools: Leo Bodell; Teacher: Mrs. Wesley (Virginia) Proctor; School Board President: Robert Winder; Secretary: Charles Knight; Treasurer: Roy Meyers; Trustees: Glenn Bihlmeyer and Frank Gilman.

Cookie Wayne of Grade 7 wrote a poem called "Good-Bye"

Mornings will come but no bell will ring.
"Good morning, Teacher," children won't sing.
For Lancaster School soon will not be here;
We will be attending another next year.

To see the doors close on the beloved school
That for generations has practiced the Golden Rule
Will bring many memories and many tears
To us who attended it through the years.

Like the sleigh, plow, horse and buggy
days you see,
The little country school house will be a
memory.

The booklet included a letter from Clair Taylor, Superintendent of Public Instruction for the State of Michigan, and a letter from Leon Bordell, Superintendent of Clinton Community School promoting the benefits of Clinton Schools with a welcome to the transferring students. Julius W. Haab, Superintendent of Washtenaw County Schools, also praised the people for their past commitment to the country school and for making the change to better meet the challenges and opportunities of the future. Virginia Proctor, the last teacher at the little gray school, bid farewell to the students.

Students in Lancaster School District #6, 1956

ASEBEDIO, Pauline	Grade 5	HAPPEL, James*	Grade 6	RODRIQUEZ, Amelia	Special
ALLEN, Roger	Grade 8	HAPPEL, Kay*	Grade 8	SATTERLA, Harold	Grade 3
ALLEN, Judy*	Grade 3	HENRY, Sharon*	Beginners	SATTERLA, Sandra	Grade 2
D'AMBROSSO, Rose	Special	HIERHOLZER, Larry	Grade 2	SWEET, Dennis*	Grade 2
EDWARDS, Kirk*	Grade 1	HIERHOLZER, Michael*	Beginners	SWEET, Jon*	Grade 5

GIRBACH, Carolyn*	Grade 3	IWANICKI, Mark*	Grade 1	SWEET, Karen*	Grade Seven
GIRBACH, Howard*	Grade 2	JACOB, Linda*	Grade 3	WAYNE, Camille	Grade 7
HAPPEL, Barry*	Grade 5	NORCROSS, John D.*	Grade 7	WILLIAMS, Paul*	Grade 6

[*Ed. Note: Sixteen of the twenty-four students only attended Lancaster School and are indicated by an asterisk above. The other eight attended some other schools for part of the time.]*

In the 1956 booklet were "BRIEF BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES OF THE PRESENT PUPILS" which included birth dates, parents and other relationships. If one of the students listed on the previous page is of interest to your genealogical research, either contact us (info@washtenawgenealogy.org) for the information, or visit the Bentley Historical Library at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

From the "LETTER OF SCHOOL MEMORIES OF L. B. AVERY", who attended Lancaster from 1877-1885, he mentioned that the
first director of this district in his memory was Robert McHenry. Teachers he remembered were Miss Iva Liddel, Miss Ella Day, Archer Crane, Mr. Morse, of Tecumseh. Mr. Ezra Day, of Tecumseh, helped Mr. Avery be elected superintendent of the Sunday School that was held for several summers.

List of Teachers, Lancaster School District #6, Bridgewater, 1866-1956
[Ed. Note: We have alphabetized the list for easier searching, years taught were not included]

ALLEN, Charles	ELLIS, Allice	MARR, Charles	PROCTOR, Virginia
ALLEN, Frank	GIBSON, Bertha	MARTIN, Sarah	RANDALL, Lucile
ANDERSON, Clifford	GRANE, Archie	MATTIS, Eloise	SAXTON, Emma
ANGLEMEYER, Alice	HAGART, Daniel	McADAM, Minnie	SCHAIBLE, Irene
AVERY, Addie	HAGGART, David	McCLAIN, Ella	SCHREDE, Josephine
AVERY, Nellie	HALLADAY, Oscar	McCOLLUM, John E.	SCHWARTZ, Margaret
BAILEY, B.F.	HARRIOTT, Sarah	McGUIRE, Florence	STURM, Clara
BAKER, Florine	HEGGIE, Eliza	MIDDLEBROOK, Mina	SWEETLAND, Nina
BLANCHARD, Lola	HENDERSHOT, Rose	MILLER, Hiram	TIDDELL, Elora
CAGEN, Leone	HERPER, Wesley	MILLS, Blanch	TRAVERS, Jerome E.
CLARK, Mary	HIGGIN, Eliza	MORGAN, Spencer	TULLY, Mildred
CONKLIN, Mark	HOELZER, Ethel	MORSE, W. S.	VanTUYLE, Kittie
CORTWRIGHT, Milna	HOTRUM, Hazel	MURPHY, Maggie	VROOMAN, Kittie
DARROW, A. Newton	HUNT, Mary	NEBLO, Lily	WAY, Helen
DAY, Ella	INGRAHAM, Celestia	ODELL, Vera	WHEELOCK, Eliza
DEPUY, Cora	JACKSON, Minta	O'REILLY, Alice	WHEELOCK, Marion
DEPUY, Willie	JACKSON, Saddie	O'REILLY, David	WHEELOCK, Martin
DERBYSHIRE, Carl	JOHNSON, Clifford	O'REILLY, Margaret	WISE, Bessie
DICKERSON, Clide	KEYERS, Wesley B.	PARKER, Nancy	WOOD, Elizabeth
EGAN, James	KOEBBE, Helen	PETERS, Eva	WOODWARD, Eugene
			YOUNG, Ed

Some directors of Lancaster School District #6 *[Ed. Note: This is a list we alphabetized]*

ALLEN, Bernard	ERNST, F. E., Mrs.	LIGHTFOOT, Louis	ODELL, Jennie
ARNOLD, Elon	GADD, Charles	McHENNEY, David	REISER, Jacob
ARNOLD, Sherman	HEGGIE, Robert	McHENNEY, Robert	ROGERS, William
AVERY, Louis	HOTRUM, M. B.	MONROE, James	SHELTON, Dorothy
BLUMHARDT, Fred	LaBARON, E. M.	NEBLO, William	SHUTES, Ad

The student Diplomas were presented by Mr. Bodell at the 1956 closing ceremony

A narrative stated that Clarence Darrow was a teacher there and used the money he earned to help pay his way through the University of Michigan before becoming a famous criminal lawyer. He was involved in the case of LOEB and LEOPOLD in Chicago. However, the list of teachers from 1866-1941 doesn't include that name, but there is an A. Newton Darrow. Another teacher was Charles Marr, who became a judge in Wyandotte.

Pupils and Teacher of Lancaster School District #6 in 1941

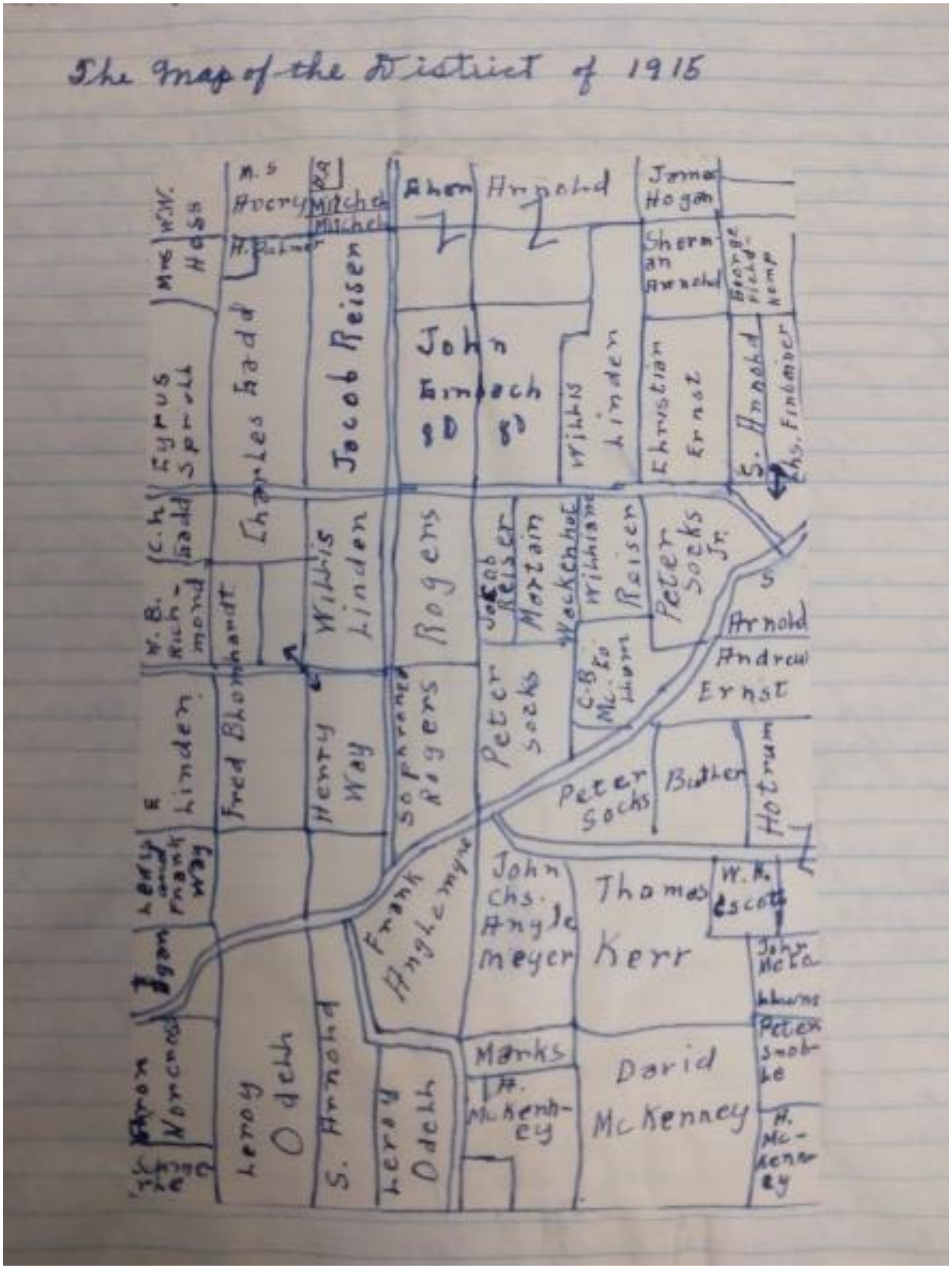
BELLMORE, James	DELMAR, Rachel	NEBLO, Dorothy	WALLEN, Christine
BELMORE, Roberta	DOLAN, John	O'FIARO, MARIE	WALLEN, Edith
BELMORE, Sally	FIEDE, Fredie	O'FIARO, Shirley	WALLEN, Ethel
BIHLMEYER, Duane	FIEDE, Sandra	SCHROEDER, James	WALLEN, Frank,
BIHLMEYER, Glen	GIRBACH, Marie	SCHROEDER, Raymond	WEDMAYER, Wilma
DELMAR, Calvin	HERTLER, Delores	STEVENS, Carl	WISE, Bessie K, Mrs.-teacher

List from Landowners Map of Lancaster School District #6 and from the 1915 Atlas combined
[Ed Note: Names with an asterisk are from the 1915 Atlas, which differ from the student drawn map]

ANGLEMYER, John Chas.
ANGLEMYRE, Frank
ARNOLD, Elon
ARNOLD, S. D.
ARNOLD, S.
ARNOLD, Sherman
AVERY, M. S.
BLOMHARDT, Fred
BUTLER, C.
GIRBACH, John
ERNST, Andrew
ERNST, Christian
ESCOTT, W. H.
FIELDKEMP, George
FINKBEINER, Chas.
GADD, Charles
HESS, W. W., Mrs.

HOGAN, James
* HOTRUM
HOTRUM, Melville
KERR, Thomas
LINDEN, E.
LINDEN, Willis
MARKS
MCCALLUM, John
McHENNEY, A.*
McHENNEY, David*
McHENNEY, H.*
MCKENNEY, A.
MCKENNEY, David
MCKENNEY, H.
MCKOLLUM, C. B.
MITCHELL, C.
MITCHELL, M.

NORCROSS, Aaron
ODELL, Leroy
PALMER, H
REISER, Jacob
REISER, William
RICHMOND, W. B.
ROGERS, Sopronea
SCHNATLE, Peter*
SCHNERLE, C
SNOBLE, Peter
SOCKS, Peter
SOCKS, Peter Jr.
SPROULL, Cyrus, est*
WACKENHUT, Martain
WAY, Frank
WAY, Henry
WAY, Lewis


The Map of the District of 1915
M.S. Avery
Mitchel
Mitchel
Arnold
James Hogan
Sherman Arnold
Charles Gadd
Jacob Reisen
John
Willis Linden
Christian Ernst
S. Arnold
C.H. Gadd
W.B. Richmond
Charles
Willis Linden
Rogers
Jacob Reiser
Reisen
Peter Socks Jr.
Arnold
Andrew Ernst
Linden
Fred
Henry Way
Peter Socks
Peter Socks
Butler
Hotrum
Frank Anglemyer
John Chs. Anglemeyer
Thomas Kerr
W.H. Escott
Marks
David McKenney
H. McKenney
Leroy Odell
S. Arnold
Leroy Odell
H. McKenney

Lancaster School, Southwest View

Lancaster School, South View

[Ed Note: To be continued with Short School, the last of the Bridgewater Schools]

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Oral History Interview Tips: Friends and Neighbors

By Jerome Drummond

Sometimes it is the case that the would-be interviewer is faced with a lack of interviewees, usually through death, illness such as dementia, or estrangement from a family. In such cases friends and neighbors may have a wealth of information to share and may be willing to do so, but first you must find them. Of course, I am talking about the last fifty or sixty years.

You may say to yourself, so-and-so died so long ago, and was so old at that time, that no one would be left with whom to talk, and that would likely be true if they were contemporaries of so-and-so but consider; I am 69 years old and my father died 50 years ago this year. I knew him for nineteen years, and my older siblings in their seventies and eighties much longer than that, and at an age where they would be more aware of the world. Younger people up to at least age 30 are in a state of *becoming* and so tend to look at the world more intensely than established people. Years later they will retain detailed memories of your loved ones in a way that you won't. So, there are still many people alive who could be interviewed.

Contacting friends and neighbors is well worth the time if you can do it. I discovered several stories about my Dad's boyhood that I didn't know from one of his high school friends, who also had a sixty-page chronicle that had been written by a mutual neighbor for a person confined to a hospital. The chronicle told of everything that had happened in the neighborhood in the summer of 1938, including many of the doings of my specific family; what a window into the past!

Of course, your family members may know people to contact, but if not, you might use the following:

Hire a Genealogist. This should not be surprising as many towns and counties have genealogists familiar with the local record collections. Get referrals from local genealogical societies, public libraries and archives. All such organizations are organized on a municipal, county or state level and are readily available on the internet. A bonus is that the smaller the domain covered, the more likely that the genealogist or historian will be familiar with families and neighborhoods that contain the people you seek.

The Internet. Although some of the sources cited in this article are discoverable on the internet, it can be surprising what can be learned simply by typing in a person's name or address. Although we live in a highly mobile society it is much more frequent to move nearby than far away. Census Bureau figures for the last twenty years show that on average about 12% of a state's population moves in any year, but out-of-state moves were consistently around 2.4% as opposed to in-state moves which were almost five times greater, so populations tend to circle around the same locality. If I search for a classmate from my high school class of 1974 or for their parents and grandparents more often than not, I can find a mention of them simply by typing their name, as they are still part of the community, and readily identifiable.

Public Record Databases. The computer age has made a business opportunity for background checks. Many of these, like Spokeo, offer a search of public records for a price. The information that these find often includes inaccurate information, so they really furnish the researcher with *tips* to find evidence rather than evidence itself. These businesses often offer a free teaser sample that can be useful; looking myself up, I found, accurately: my full name, age and birth year, current address, names of possible neighbors and associates, voter registration date and party, the names of some relatives, the names of neighbors nearby, present street address, and present phone number. I also found some inaccurate information. The principle useful information, if accurate, is contact information, the names of likely neighbors and associates, and identifying women who are married and took their husband's surname.

Digitized Newspapers. You can't beat the utility of digitized newspapers for finding people and more newspapers come on-line every year. Probably the single most useful newspaper feature is the **Obituary**

Notice, In the 19th century these were often terse, but over time they have grown so it is hardly extraordinary that they may run several hundred words and mention dozens of people.
My mother's obit, which I wrote, is seen here:

> *Drummond, Jean Yvonne Ypsilanti, MI*
>
> *Age 97, departed from this world to a gentler place Saturday, February 17, 2018. She was born June 1, 1920, in Detroit, to her parents, Rene Edouard Lusignan and Samantha Pearl Forester, both of Canada. On February 15, 1941, she married John Gordon Drummond in Detroit, and together they raised a family of five. She is survived by her children, Jo Renee Piazza, John Gordon (Kate) Drummond, James Christopher Drummond, Jerome Herbert (Paula) Drummond and Jeffrey Michael (Kamie) Drummond; nine grandchildren; and two great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and her sister Yvette Sawyer. Jean is interred at Mt. Elliot Cemetery in Detroit. Much of her life was spent in Lapeer, MI, where she was a faithful attendee of Immaculate Conception RCC and member of the FCE, Suncrest Auxiliary and the Reamer Road Club. To her many friends and neighbors on West Hunter's Creek Road and Silver Maples, Jean bids you adieu.*

This is a pretty standard obituary for the 21st century. Including the subject of the obituary we have 13 searchable names, and we notice that there are 11 grandchildren and great grandchildren who will likely be discoverable. Her children and their current spouses are all still living, 2 outstate and the rest in Michigan - the ratio predicted by the Census Bureau. In addition, we find the name of the church she belonged to as a "faithful attendee" (think sacramental witness and bake sales), three social clubs to which she belonged, and three localities and a senior center. This is probably the largest batch of useful information you will find without talking to someone in person.

Funeral Guest Books These are often kept in a family particularly by surviving spouses. It is not unusual to find these online in the last couple of decades. Here you often find some of the oldest acquaintances of the deceased who have kept in touch and will have a lot to say, and it comes with the most up-to-date contact information.

Religious Groups Jean's obit clearly states the name of her church was Immaculate Conception RCC, the RCC standing for Roman Catholic Church. The current priest in charge there would not know much about her, she having moved down with me to Ypsilanti before the priest took over that parish, but he would be able to put you in contact with longtime parishioners who could speak to her participation in church activities with probably many anecdotes. The cemetery where her ashes are buried is identified as Mt. Elliot Cemetery in Detroit, a Catholic cemetery. Visiting it you would discover that she is in a family plot that belonged to my father's side of the family. The sexton would be able to show you records pertaining to the plot and who was buried there. Unlike our other examples you'll find that there is no one in the plot who can *tell you anything*. However, you could look them up in the Federal Census.

Federal Census The census could identify how the people in the Mt. Elliot plot are related and could possibly help you identify living descendants that could be tracked down. The chief handicap of this method is that each decennial census return is only opened to the public 72 years after it was recorded. The census return of 1950, released in 2022, is the most current one, and most of the people who were alive 76 years ago are unlikely to be detailed witnesses. The best you can expect are the surnames of people to research; people indicated as neighbors that you could trace who perhaps have written materials such as letters or diaries that can say what it was like to live next to your ancestor. In rural settings, as opposed to urban ones, the chance that surrounding land is in the hands of the original neighbors is more likely, and that may lead to facts about your ancestor or stories that explain the land and offer vicarious views of the past.

Social Groups As seen in her obit, my mother was a member of the Reamer Road Club. Her contemporaries in the club are gone but it is the nature of social organizations that they are always attracting new members who chat and build an *institutional* databank of memories. One of the ladies in this club that my mother chummed with was the wife of the local bank president. Because of the nature of her husband's work and standing in the community my mother learned a lot about many people in town as would other younger members of the club, people who are still alive and can interview with you.

Yearbooks I have several yearbooks from my parents and extended family members with comments and signatures of friends. Most of these signatures have both the given name and the surname. My mother kept up a correspondence with several girlfriends all the way from 1938 to 2010. Of course, you will have to get over the hurdle of identifying ladies' maiden names.

Special Interest Groups SIGs aren't only a GSWC affair but exist in many forms. My father, as an example, was the production manager of a travel trailer company which built the sort of towed vacation trailer with a pop-up top that were popular in the 50s and 60s. The company went out of business due to the increase of gasoline prices in the 1970s. A number of these trailers are still around and there is a dedicated multi-state club of owners, otherwise known as *buffs*, who arrange meet-ups for social purposes and exchange trailer parts that can't otherwise be gotten. A number of these people worked at the company in the time that my father did and knew him, and what's more, knew him in a capacity that my family did not, so they can provide a dimension to the oral history no one else can. As my father died 50 years ago there would be a number of people who worked at the plant who would still be alive, now in their 70s and 80s.

Public Schools and Libraries I've had very good luck extracting information from schoolteachers and librarians concerning who is related to whom in a community, and often they can explain the history of the community at least back to the time of their start there, but often there is institutional memory as well. In both employments one meets a cross-section of the community face-to-face. When I was a library clerk in downtown Ypsilanti, I established a good working relationship with at least 300 people, and it is the nature of the work that one has time to converse with all of them. When you are a teacher, you see the growing up of whole families of children and interact with their parents both at school and in the grocery store where you will chat for twenty minutes. Both teachers and librarians are bound by certain ethical standards as to what they can say but often they can direct you to someone who knows what you want to know.

All of the people who know us know a piece of our history, and inevitably they know a piece that no one else knows. It is always worth the effort to find these people. To name just a few areas of interest that they can supply to you: personality traits of individuals, conversations over the fence, property upkeep, holiday celebrations, community group participation, politics, children who played together, maybe schoolmates, income level, generosity, helpfulness, relationship to other neighbors, marital affairs, music overheard, even sociability by visitors as evidenced by the number of cars parked in a driveway. Never neglect to talk to friends and neighbors.

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"Washtenaw County Farm Bureau and Washtenaw Junior Farm Bureau Membership 1944"

(Part Five) (Continued from v. 49 #1, p. 8-13)

Transcribed by Cyndy Steward

Part five of the series continues with the listing of members from Ypsilanti Township and other nearby counties. This concludes this series. The directory lists each member's name, address and Rural Route number grouped by township. "Members of Washtenaw Junior Farm Bureau" was printed previously. Refer to part one of the series for additional information concerning the layout of the booklet. Again, we thank David Doss for his contribution, and the Washtenaw County Farm Bureau Board of Directors for their permission and support in the sharing of the information in this booklet.

Ypsilanti Township

AMRHEIN, Albert H.	Ypsilanti	1
AVERY, Clifford	Ypsilanti	1
BALLARD, Alton	Ypsilanti	1
BARKER, F. D.	Ypsilanti	1
BOUTELL, Nelson D.	Ypsilanti	1
BOUTELL, William H.	Ypsilanti	1
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BURRELL, H. K.	Ypsilanti	3
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COLBY, Grover	Ypsilanti	1
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FINCH, John & Son	Ypsilanti	1
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GAULT, John Z.	229 Maple St., Ypsi	Blank
GORTON, L. E.	Ypsilanti	1
GOTTS, Claude R.	Ypsilanti	1
GOTTS, Ralph	Ypsilanti	1
GRAMS, L. M.	Ypsilanti	2
HARTMAN, Brothers	Ypsilanti	1
HOGAN, C. C.	Ypsilanti	1
HOLMES, Clifford	Ypsilanti	1
HOWLETT, Charles	Ypsilanti	1
JAMESON, Ralph S.	Ypsilanti	1
JOHNSON, Carl	915 Woods Rd., Ypsi	Blank
KARNATZ, Albert	Ypsilanti	1
KARNATZ, Ernest	Ypsilanti	1
KARNATZ, Herbert	Ypsilanti	1
KELLY, W. B. & Sons	Ypsilanti	1
KOCH, Eugene J.	Ypsilanti	3
LAFLIN, Miles	Ypsilanti	1
LATHERS, J. Stuart	429 N. Adams St., Ypsilanti	Blank
LOSEY, Roy H. & Son	Ypsilanti	1
MAGLE, John A.	Ypsilanti	1
MARTIN, Andrew J.	Ypsilanti	1
MATTS, Oscar C.	Ypsilanti	1
McCALLA, George W.	Ypsilanti	1
MEIER, Harry	Ypsilanti	1
MILLER, Henry Leonard	Ypsilanti	1
MOORE, Errol W.	Ypsilanti	1
MOSHER, Howard W.	Ypsilanti	1
MURRAY, Parker	Ypsilanti	1
PADGET, Frank	Ypsilanti	1
PALMA, Fred	Ypsilanti	1
PARSONS, Fred	Ypsilanti	2
PINTER, Harrry	Belleville	3
PINTER, Joseph	Belleville	3
RAYMOND, R. H. & Son	Ypsilanti	1
ROBBINS, Samuel	Ypsilanti	1
ROHLFS, Wilfred H.	514 Holmes Rd., Ypsi	Blank
ROMANSKI, Frank & Son	Ypsilanti	1
ROWE, Frank W.	Ypsilanti	1
SCHANZ, Karl	Ypsilanti	1
SCHATTENHELM, John	Ypsilanti	1

SCHATTENHELM, Myron	Ypsilanti	1
SIMMONS, E. C.	Ypsilanti	3
SMALLEY, R. L.	Ypsilanti	1
SZABO, Sam	Ypsilanti	1
THORNE, E. H.	Ypsilanti	1
TOOZE, Otis A.	429 Campbell Ave. Ypsi	Blank
WARDLE, Robert	Ypsilanti	1
WARDLE, W. E.	Ypsilanti	1

WARNER, Joseph E.	Ypsilanti	Blank
WELCH, James, Mrs.	Ypsilanti	1
WIARD, Harold J.	Ypsilanti	1
WIARD, Walter J. & Son	Ypsilanti	1
WILSON, Grant & Son	Ypsilanti	2
WRIGHT, Henry D.	Ypsilanti	1
WRIGHT, Walter H.	Ypsilanti	1
YOUNGS, Bert	Ypsilanti	1
YOUNGS, Harold	Ypsilanti	1

Canton Township, Wayne County

BARKER, E. G.	Belleville	4
GRAMMEL, Spencer	Ypsilanti	3
GRISSEL, George R.	Wayne	1
KRUGER, Charlie	Belleville	1
MOYER, Howard	Ypsilanti	3

PROCTOR, Sam & Son	Belleville	1
SIMMONS, Robert R.	Belleville	1
SWEGLES, J. M.	Plymouth	2
THIESEN, Brothers	Plymouth	1

Plymouth Township, Wayne County

BARTON, John L.	Plymouth	
DEMEL, Earl J.	Plymouth	3
MOYER, E. C.	Plymouth	1

Sumpter Township, Wayne County

AGGI, Henry & Son	Willis	1
BAISCH, Clem & Son	Belleville	3
BORTZ, Ernest & Sons	Belleville	3
ESSEX, George & Son	Willis	1
FENN, Davis	Belleville	Blank

GASIDLO, Henry H.	Willis	1
MERRITT, Bert & Glen	Belleville	3
MILLER, Fred C.	Willis	1
MILLER, Glen C.	Willis	1
SPARROW, Harry F.	Belleville	3

Van Buren Township, Wayne County

AMRHEIN, Glenn	Belleville	4
BARRY, Charles H.	Belleville	4
BATEHAM, Charles	Belleville	Blank
BUDD, Lester & Sons	Belleville	Blank
CARPENTER, Emory F.	Belleville	4
DOLPH, Orville	Belleville	Blank
DUNK, Davis	42205 Huron Dr, Belleville	Blank
GUENTHER, Elmer	Belleville	1
HOWARD, Hugo S.	Belleville	3

HUBBARD, Frank	Belleville	4
KENDELL, Coy (Greenhouse)	Belleville	Blank
KUROWICKI, Barney	Belleville	3
LANGE, Elmer	Romulus	2
RECKLIN, George	Belleville	4
REYNOLDS, Oman	Belleville	**3**
ROBSON, Don	Belleville	**4**
ROBSON, Robert	Belleville	**4**
RICHARDS, Max J.	Belleville	**4**
SAYRE, Lavern	Belleville	**4**
SCHULTZ, Herman	Belleville	**4**
SCHULTZ, William J.	Belleville	**3**

SWEIGERT, I. H.	Belleville	**3**
SHEPPARD, Arthur	Belleville	**1**
SMITH, William H.	Belleville	**1**

SMITH, Caryl B. & Son	Belleville	**4**
STEBENOW, William & Son	Romulus	**2**

Lyndon Township, Monroe County

CHALL, Harold	Milan	3
CLORE, Victor P.	Milan	3
GOETSCHE, Theodore	Milan	1

GRASSLEY, Loyal	Milan	3
HAMMOND, George L.	Milan	1
HEATH, Thurlow B.	Milan	1

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JOHN COLLINS FAMILY BIBLE RECORD

This record was hand copied by a volunteer member of the Genealogical Society of Washtenaw County many years ago. At that time the Bible was located in the Rare Book Archives and from the Collections of Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village, Dearborn, Michigan. The Ford Archives kindly granted permission to the GSWC to hand copy, publish and place the Collins family record in the GSWC Bible Records Registry for genealogical research. [*Ed. Note: We have been unable to confirm where the Bible is currently.*]

The Holy Bible, The Old and New Testaments By His Majesty's Special Command.
Edinburgh: Printed by Richard Watkins His Majesty's Printer, 1746.

[*Entered on the flyleaf of the Bible:*]
John Collins, his hand
Mary Collins, her hand

FAMILY RECORDS

Calab Collins, son of John Collins and Ann, his wife, was born 16 day of 12th month of year, 1732/3 and he lived four years and a half and 28 days and dayed 14th day of August in the year 1737.
Mary Collins, daughter of same two, was born the 14th day in May in year, 1734 and she lived two and two months and 20 days and dyed 6th day August in year 1737.
Ann Collins, daughter of same two, was born 17th day of April in year 1736 and she lived one year and 3 months and 13 days, and she dyed the 10th day of August in year, 1737.
Mary Collins, daughter of same two, was born 29th day of May, in year 1738.
Joseph Collins, son of same two was born 31st day of May, year 1740.
John Collins, son of same two, was born 1st day of May in year 1743.
Ruth Collins, daughter of same two, was born 25th day of October, in year 1745.
Peter Collins was born 20th day of October in year, 1747.
Ann Collins, daughter of same two was born 17th day of March, year 1751.
Sarah Collins, daughter of same two, was born 5th day of September in year 1753.
Ann Collins, daughter of John and Ann, his wife, lived ten years, six months and nineteen days and died the sixth day of the tenth month, 1761.

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"THE MIXING BOWL": A 1937 PUBLICATION OF ZAL GAZ CALDRON NO. 7 DAUGHTERS OF MOKANNA, ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN

(Continued from Capers v.49#1, pages 14-16)

Names extracted by Cynthia McCollum Steward

This is additional information from the 52-page cookbook "The Mixing Bowl", belonging to Rob Steward's grandmother, Mina Kalmbach Steward. Some of these names appear as part of the many businesses listed in the advertisements that sponsored or paid for the publication of the cookbook. There are 27 people listed, and 39 businesses that include names.

This first section is individual names that appear in the ads, with the business name, and address, location or phone.

Names from ads	Business name	Address/location/phone
BLAESS, Oscar F.	White Oak Package Coal	124 West Summit St.
COBB, Ted	Ted COBB's Garage	106 South First St.
DAVENPORT, D. V.	DAVENPORT's Lunch	111 W. Huron St.
DESMOND, J. J.	ESCHELBACH Market	203 East Huron
DILLON, Elizabeth	The Elizabeth DILLON Shop - Clothing	
ESCHELBACH, J. P.	ESCHELBACH Market	202 East Huron
GROSSHANS, J. C.	A. & L. Battery Service	106 South First St.
KLAGER, E. L.	KLAGER's Hatcheries- Chicks & Poultry Supplies	
KLAGER, L. C.	KLAGER's Hatcheries- Chicks & Poultry Supplies	Ann Arbor, Bridgewater, & Chelsea
KNAPP, Genevieve	LIRETTE Salon De Beaute	611 East Liberty
MALCOM, J. Karl	Realtor	
METZGER, Wm.	German American Restaurant	203 E. Washington
MORRILL, O. D.	O. D. MORRILL -Office Supplies	314 S. State St.
MUEHLIG, B. E.	B. E. MUEHLIG Dry Goods	126 South Main St.
MUEHLIG, Ernest O.	F. J. MUEHLIG Funeral Chapel, Inc.	
MURRAY, William H.	William H. MURRAY, Insurance Agency	401-3 Ann Arbor Trust Bldg.
OSGOOD, R. D.	Blue Ribbon Coal Co.	513 S. Ashley St. (Res. 1125 White St)
ROBERTS, Chester	Chester ROBERTS for Gifts	312 South State
ROGERS, Fred H.	F. J. MUEHLIG Funeral Chapel, Inc.	
SCHMID, Roland G.	F. J. MUEHLIG Funeral Chapel, Inc.	
SERGEANT, F. A.	The F. A. SERGEANT Co. - Insurance & Real Estate	403 National Bank Bldg.
SHEDLESKI, Ben	Michigan Recreation - Bowling	
SNOW, C. B.	C. B. SNOW & Son - Fuel oil	220 West Huron
STEEB, I. M.	Moe Laundry	227 S. First St.
STEWARD, Robert A.	Robert A. STEWARD Plumbing, Heating, & Sheet Metal	211 South Fourth Ave.
STIERLE, Carl	Moe Laundry	226 S. First St.
WHITE, Ernest R.	The WHITE Bakery	124 East Washington St.

This section contains businesses that have surnames in them, but no additional personal names.

ALLENEL Hotel	
BOLGOS Creamery Farms	
CALKINS - FLETCHER Drug Company	324 S. State St.
COLIN & WETHERBEE	118 East Washington St.
CRIPPEN Drug Stores	207 S. Main & 217 N. Main St
DOLPH Funeral Home	
ERNST Electric Shop	205 East Washington
FRANCISCO and BOYCE, Photographer Supplies & Greeting Cards	
GAUSS Baking Co.	
HENDEE Motor Sales	502 E. Washington St.
HUTZEL's Women's Wear	
JOHNSON - CUSHING, Inc. Ford Sales	514 E. Washington St.
KESSEL's Fashion Shop	9 Nickels Arcade, 217 South Main
KING - SEELET Corporation	
LINDENSCHMIDT - APFEL & Co. Men's Wear	209 South Main St.
MACK & Company	
NAGLER's Fur Shop	318 South Main
PREKETES Sugar Bowl - Confectionery & Restaurant	109-111 South Main
RITZ Beauty Salon	605 East William Street
ROBERTS Shop -Millinery & Hosiery	604 E. Liberty St.
SCHLANDERER & Sons	208 South Main Street
SCHLENKER Hardware Co.	213-215 West Liberty St.
STAFFAN Funeral Home	513 East Huron St.
STIERLE Sheet Metal Shop - Furnaces	226 South Dirst St.
STOFFLET's Philco Radios & Parts	
SWIFT's Drug Store	340 State St.
The ABBOTT Gasoline Company	
The COLLINS Shop	Liberty & Maynard
The ELSIFOR Cartage Co.	310 W. Ann Street
WAHL's Book Stores	Main St. Store & State St. Store
WEBER & STEEB Co. - Home Killed Meats	
WIKEL - JOHNSON Co. - the General Electric Store	213 East Liberty St.
ZWERDLING's Fur Shop	217 E. Liberty St.

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In the Library

Contributed By Jerome Drummond

These books have been added to the GSWC Library Catalog by Jerome Drummond, GSWC Librarian. All works were already in the library collection but not in the catalog.

Cortelyou. John Van Zandt. ***The Cortelyou Genealogy : A Record of Jaques Corteljou and of Many of His Descendants*****. 1942** Call number 929.2 Cortelyou Co Family. Revised and translated to English by the author. Gift of Madeleine Smith.

Hargrove, Sylvia Smedley and Hilda Yinger. ***Muskingum County Footprints: Miscellaneous Records Muskingum County, Ohio Vol. 2.*** **1984** Call number 977.1 A Ha Muskingum County. Gift of Russell Bidlack.

Jackson, Ronald Vern, Editor. ***Mortality Schedule Michigan 1850.*** **1979** Call number 977.4 A Ja 1850 Mortality Schedule. Gift of Carole Callard.

Kirkham, E. Kay. ***An Index to Some of the Family Records of the Southern States: 35,000 Microfilm References From the N.S.D.A.R. Files and Elsewhere.*** **1974** Call number 975 A Ki Index Southern States. Purchase of the GSWC 1984.

Powers, Thomas E. and William H. McNitt. ***Guide to Manuscripts in the Bentley Historical Library.*** **1976** Call number 977.4 A Po Purchase of the GSWC.

Richmond, C. W. & H. F. Vallette. ***A History of the County of Du Page, Illinois*****. 1974** Call number 977.324 A Ri Du Page. Originally printed in 1857. Reprinted 1974. Gift of Mrs. William Bender.

Vedder, Edwin Henry. ***The Vedder Family in America 1657 – 1985.*** **1987** Call number 929.2 Vedder Ve Family. Gift of the author.

Western Pennsylvania Genealogical Society Quarterly Vol. 11, #3-4. **1985** Call number 974.8 A WPGS Quarterly.

Widenmann, Robert J.. ***A Genealogy of the Widenmann Family: The Stuttgart and Biberach Branches from Blaubeuren in the Swabian Alps 2nd English Ed.*** **1997** Call number 929.2 Widenmann Wi Family. Gift of Pauline Walters.

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LORIN W. DEXTER FAMILY BIBLE RECORD

This Bible Record was graciously submitted by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Freeman, members of the Genealogical Society of Washtenaw County. Mrs. Freeman noted the Dexter family and the Freeman family became connected when Adan Freeman married Almira Mason Dexter. Almira was the first wife of Benjamin Dexter. If you are interested in this family, also see the Adan Freeman Bible Record published in *Capers* vol. 29, issue 2, page 41.

> *Vents Unabridged Illustrated Polyglot Family Bible*. Cincinnati: Hitchcock & Walden, Vent & Goodrich, Chicago, Ill., [*no date*]

[*Ed. Note: Marriage Record page was included in the Bible; words in* ***bold*** *indicate preprinted wording on the record.*]

> **To all whom it may concern: Be it Known: that on the** thirtieth day of April **One thousand eight hundred &** seventy two **At** the residence of Edwin Holford, in Ionia County **The subscriber United in Marriage** Lorin W. Dexter of Lebanon township Clinton County State of Michigan And Mary B Woodard of the above Town County and State {By, Joshua Hall Justice of the Peace**.** In the presence of Edward Holford of Ionia County **Witness and** Anne Holford of Ionia County **Witness**

[*Ed. Note: Notes received with the Bible record state*: "*The Bible was passed on to Laura F. Dexter by Emma Dexter. Laura F. Dexter passed it on to her daughter, Ruth Dexter Hansen."]*

Births.

*Lorin W. Dexter Was Born July 25th 1816
*Lorenzo Dexter Was Born May 20th 1818
*Betsey Louisa Dexter Was Born September 1st 1820
*Henry Dexter Was Born March 3d 1823
*William Dexter Was Born May 23d 1825
Polly Mandana Dexter Was Born August 5th 1826
Mary Malissa Dexter Born May 11-1844
Serell Coridon Dexter Was Born Oct 15-1846

*Frederick Freeman Was Born Apr 10th 1830
*Francis Freeman Was Born Nov 28th 1832
*Martin Freeman Was Born Nov 15th 1833
*Minerva C Freeman Was Born Oct. 12th 1836
*Walter Freeman Was Born Nov 30th 1837
*Charles R Freeman Was Born Apr 17th 1839
Levi S Freeman Was Born Aug 21st 1840
*Lucinda A. Freeman Was Born June 5th 1844

Deaths.

Mary M. Dexter Carter died
Benjamin Dexter Died October 6th 1827
38 years 9 months
Betsey Louisa Dexter or Powers
Died February 3d 1869 aged 49& 5 months
Henry Dexter Died December 7th 1872
aged 49 years 10 months
Mary B. Dexter Died Sept 16th 1881
Almira Freeman Died Apr 7th 1882
Lorin W. Dexter Died 1896 **80 yrs**

*Serell Coridon Dexter died Nov 19 **1900 54 yrs**
Adan Freeman Died Apr 18th 1867
Martin Freeman Died Dec 17th 1856
Charles Freeman Died Feb 4th 1880
Marion T Woodard Died Oct 23 1873
Maria S. Brace Died Dec 1 1874
Delucena Woodard Died Feb 5 1875
Emma Watson Dexter died Mar 8 **1927**
age 72-3 mo at l.25 a.m

*[Ed. Note: Entries above in **bold** were in different handwriting. Those with an "*" were printed in Capers 29 #2 p. 41, Adan Freeman Family Bible Record*]

Marriages.

[handwriting of a third person]
Miss Emma Coe was married to Mr. Ser~~r~~ell C. Dexter, Dec., 29, 1875. ["*Mrs" overwritten with "iss" to be Miss Emma Coe*] [*second r in Serrell is crossed out*]

Born.

Miss Emma Coe Dec. 17, 1854.
Ph~~o~~ebe Elizabeth Dexter May 4, 1877. [*o crossed out*]
Joel Willis Dexter Dec. 19, 1879.
Walter Carl Dexter March 26, 1882/3 [*2 in 1882 written over with 3*]
Wallac Chas. Dexter " " "
Edward Homer Dexter May, 29 1891.

Deaths.

Walter Dexter died July 10, 1882/3 [*2 in 1882 written over with 3*]
Wallac " " " 15, " 2/3 [*2 written over with 3*]

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CALVIN F. ASHLEY FAMILY BIBLE RECORD

This family Bible record was copied by Doris Milliman, Ypsilanti Chapter DAR, from a Bible in the collections of the Ypsilanti Historical Society Museum, Ypsilanti, Michigan. The Museum has kindly granted permission to the GSWC to publish the record and hold a copy in the GSWC Bible Records Registry.

> Kimber and Sharpless' Stereotype Edition. *The Holy Bible, Containing the Old and New Testaments, Translated out of the Original Tongues, and with the Former Translations Diligently Compared and Revised*. Philadelphia; published by Kimber and Sharpless. [*no year*] Stereotyped by E. White, New York.

[Ed. note: Items in brackets were added for clarity and were derived from volunteer research.]

BIRTHS:
Calvin F. Ashley Born May 30, 1816
Elkanah Ashley his son [*son of Thomas Ashley (1773-1853)*]
George Ashley born Jan'y 27th 1863

DEATHS:
Betsey Blair [*née Ashley*] my oldest sister died June 13th 1874 at 7 O'clock P.M. bing [*sic*] seventy five years five months and twenty-six days old

Betsey Ashley Darling [*Darling is her maiden name*] wife of Thomas Ashley my oldest brother died Dec. 12, 1874

Lucinda Blair Smith sister Betsey Blairs youngest daughter died softening of the brain

Elizabeth Blair Randall sister Betsey Blair second daughter died Feb 3. 1885 of Brights disease of kidney's

Elkanah Ashley died July 30th 1888 at Grand Rapids, Mich.

Thomas Ashley Sr. died Nov 3, 1853, My father C. F. Ashley [*signature*]

Amy (Ashley) Lindsley my second sister & to me mother died Sept 18th 1843 aged 42 years 3 days died of consumption

Daniel B. Lindsley died Oct 16th, 1866 of cancer of liver and stomach he was to me as a father aged 69 years 4 months

Margaret Lindsley Adams only child of Daniel B. Lindsley and Amy Ashley Lindsley died Jan'y 15th 1851 aged 31 years my very dear niece

Thomas Ashley my oldest brother died July 27th 1894 Tuscola Co.

C. F. Ashley [*Calvin F. Ashley*] died May 1st 1896 age 80 years, at the home of his nephew E. P. Blair in Lapeer Co. Michigan

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14 September 1934 – 5 November 2025

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